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SUBJECT: UNIDO REORGANIZATION

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1. WE HAD FIRST OPPORTUNITY YESTERDAY SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF REORGANIZATION TO MEET WITH FAHLSTROM (SWEDEN) WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED CHIEF OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION SECTION IN AFIFI'S DIVISION OF POLICY COORDINATION. FAHLSTROM HAD BEEN IN NEW YORK PAST TWO WEEKS FOR ACC, INTER-AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND UNDP MEETINGS. PURPOSE OF CALL WAS TO OBTAIN CLARIFICATION OF MANDATE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECTION AND INFORMATION ON PLANS FOR STAFFING.

2. FAHLSTROM SAID THAT HE HAD HAD AS YET NO OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH AFIFI FUNCTIONS TO BE PERFORMED BY THE SECTION. HOWEVER, REVISED UNIDO PROGRAM/BUDGET SUBMISSION DESCRIBES SECTION AS CONCERNED WITH PROVISION OF POLICY COORDINATION IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING UNIDO PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES FINANCED FROM ALL SOURCES, MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH UNDP, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO COUNTRY PROGRAMMING, AND EVALUATING THE PERFORMANCE OF ALL SUCH PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES. THUS SECTION

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WOULD IN ADDITION TO BEING CONCERNED WITH

UNIDO'S INPUT INTO UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMING AS REPORTED REFS B AND C, PRESUMABLY PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF UNIDO'S PROGRAM OF WORK. IN THIS RESPECT IT WOULD SUCCEED TO FUNCTIONS ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO BE PERFORMED BY THE PROGRAMMING, PLANNING AND EVALUATION UNIT (MCCUSKER).

3. FAHLSTROM ALSO SAID THAT A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION WOULD BE PAID TO QUALITATIVE EVALUATION OF UNIDO'S ACTIVITIES AND TO FEEDBACK OF FINDINGS TO STAFF CONCERNED WITH PROGRAM/PROJECT DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION, ETC. CONTINUOUS EVALUATION OF UNIDO FIELD PROJECTS WOULD BE PART OF STANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO PROJECT MANAGERS, EXPERTS, ETC. IN THIS CONNECTION, FAHLSTROM REPORTED THAT HE HAD MET KITCHELL IN NEW YORK AND THAT STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO RECRUIT KITCHELL FOR WORK ON EVALUATION IN THE SECTION.

4. FAHLSTROM SAID THAT AT THIS STAGE HE HAD NO IDEA HOW LARGE OR WHAT KIND OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF HE WOULD END UP WITH. HE EXPECTED THAT AFIFI WOULD PERSONALLY GIVE A GOOD DEAL OF ATTENTION TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SECTION. STIBRAVY

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